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YOSHIHIRO ISHIBE )  
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For: MULTI-BEAM OPTICAL )  
SCANNING APPARATUS AND :  
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS )  
USING THE SAME : August 10, 2005

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to U.S. Patent 6,489,982. This patent was discussed in the specification, and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there.

Applicants also respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/802,856 filed March 18, 2004 by Yoshihiro Ishibe (Atty. Docket No. 03500.017990) which has been assigned in common with the present application and was published at U.S. Patent Application Publication 2004/0189789.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and

to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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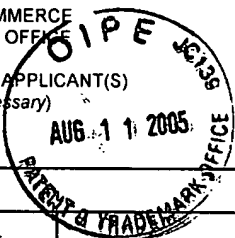
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	6,489,982	12/3/02	Ishibe	347	134	
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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